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For: SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE OF SIDE LIGHT TYPE AND LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2001, Applicants elect Claims 1-17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28 and 29, with traverse. Please CANCEL the non-elected claims 18, 20, 22, 24 and 26 without prejudice.

REMARKS

It is respectfully asserted that claim 9, and the claims which depend therefrom, should be including in Group II with the elected claims listed above for the following reasons.

According to that which is claimed in claim 9, it necessarily follows that the illumination output face of the light guide plate supplies illumination light toward a front face of the LCD panel (lines 8-9). In other words, claim 9 defines an LCD equipped with a surface light source device as defined in claim 1 of Group II, as classified by the Examiner.